

DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Notice of Request for Proposal

Residential Intensive Support Team Services

Take notice that, in compliance with NJAC 52:14-34.4, 34.5 and 34.6, the Division of Mental Health Services (DMHS) hereby announces the availability of the following program funds:

Name of program: Residential Intensive Support Team Services

Purpose: The Division is seeking to establish a pilot residential intensive support team program in Bergen County as part of the expansion of post-discharge opportunities for persons currently residing at Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital. This initiative is part of Redirection II, a Statewide effort to improve and expand mental health services, and is proposed as an innovative approach to individually address the needs of consumers who may need intensive but varying degrees of residential support in the transition from hospital to community living. The program concept envisions a mix of assistance, on-site support and services through a clinically enhanced team approach, with a strong peer role. The program is expected to obviate the need to relocate consumers due to fluctuation in status or change in needs and interests, by adjusting service intensity and using a person-centered approach. The program will be expected to support no fewer than 20 consumers.

Proposals for this program were previously solicited in November 2002 as part of a three county initiative involving Bergen, Morris, and Passaic Counties. As a result of that RFP process, providers were selected for the Morris and Passaic programs; however, no provider was selected for Bergen.

Source of available funding: Funds to support this Request for Proposal are included in the SFY 2003 budget for Redirection II.

Organizations which may apply: Any fiscally viable not-for-profit or for-profit organization which has demonstrable experience in successfully providing mental health support, rehabilitation and treatment, or housing services for adults with serious and persistent mental illness, which currently meets DMHS licensure standards as a mental health provider or is capable of meeting those licensing standards, and which meets the qualifications of the Department of Human Services Contact Policy and Information Manual, (N.J.A.C. 10:3) may apply. Additional requirements are specified in the Request for Proposal document.

Qualifications needed by an applicant to be considered: Applicants must address all proposal and agency qualification requirements, and document the capacity to develop, implement, and operate a non-traditional program of residential support services for adults who are discharged from Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital.

Procedure to apply: Eligible and interested organizations may obtain a Request for Proposal document by contacting the DMHS Northern Regional Office, 100 Hamilton Plaza, Rm. 615, Paterson, NJ 07505 Tel 973-977-4397.

The RFP document and application materials may also be downloaded from the DHS Website www.state.nj.us/human_services.

A **mandatory bidders conference** will be held on Wednesday afternoon, March 26, 2003 from 2:00-3:30 P.M. at the following location:

Division of Mental Health Services
Northern Regional Office
100 Hamilton Plaza-Rm. 615
Paterson, New Jersey 07505

Bidders are requested to pre-register by calling the DMHS Northern Region Office no later than Monday, March 24, 2003.

Specific submission instructions are included in the RFP document. Applications must be submitted to:

Maryellen Garvey
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Division of Mental Health Services
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100 Hamilton Plaza, Rm. 615
Box 4
Paterson, NJ 07505

Deadline by which applications must be submitted: All applications must be received by close of business (5:00 P.M.) on Friday, April 25, 2003. Faxed submissions will not be accepted.

Date of notification of acceptance or rejection: Applicants will be notified of acceptance or rejection by no later than Friday, June 6, 2003.